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JANET NAPOLITANO, in her official capacity as
President of the University of California,

Plaintiffs,

v.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY and KIRSTJEN M. NIELSEN, in her
official capacity as Secretary of the Department of
Homeland Security,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 17-CV-05211-WHA

**PLAINTIFFS' SUPPLEMENTAL
MEMORANDUM RE *HAWAII V.*
*TRUMP***

Judge: Honorable William Alsup

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, STATE OF MAINE,
STATE OF MARYLAND, STATE OF MINNESOTA,
Plaintiffs,

CASE NO. 17-CV-05235-WHA

v.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,
KIRSTJEN M. NIELSEN, in her official capacity as
Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, and
the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendants.

CITY OF SAN JOSE, a municipal corporation,
Plaintiff,

CASE NO. 17-CV-05329-WHA

v.

DONALD J. TRUMP, President of the United States, in his
official capacity, KIRSTJEN M. NIELSEN, in her official
capacity, and the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Defendants.

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Plaintiffs,

CASE NO. 17-CV-05380-WHA

v.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DONALD J.
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United States, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND
SECURITY, and KIRSTJEN M. NIELSEN, in her
official capacity as Secretary of the Department of
Homeland Security,
Defendants.

County of Santa Clara and Service Employees
International Union Local 521,
Plaintiffs,

CASE NO. 17-CV-05813-WHA

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President of the United States, JEFFERSON
BEAUREGARD SESSIONS, in his official capacity as
Attorney General of the United States; KIRSTJEN M.
NIELSEN, in her official capacity as Secretary of the
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY,
Defendants.

1 Plaintiffs submit the follow supplemental memorandum discussing how the recent Ninth Circuit
 2 decision in *Hawaii v. Trump* bolsters plaintiffs’ motion for provisional relief and opposition to
 3 defendants’ motion to dismiss. — F.3d —, 2017 WL 6554184 (9th Cir. Dec. 22, 2017), *cert. pet. filed*
 4 Jan. 5, 2018 (“*Hawaii I*”).¹

5 **1. *Hawaii II* confirms that executive actions concerning immigration are subject to judicial review.**

6 Consistent with well-established precedent, the *Hawaii II* court held the Administration’s “travel
 7 ban” was subject to judicial review. The court recognized limitations on its ability to review “*individual*
 8 visa denials,” but emphasized that it is a “familiar judicial exercise” to review ““challenges to the
 9 substance and implementation of immigration *policy*.”” *Hawaii II* at *6 (emphasis added) (quoting
 10 *Washington v. Trump*, 847 F.3d 1151, 1161–64 (9th Cir. 2017)). Indeed, to hold immigration policy
 11 determinations unreviewable would “run[] contrary to the fundamental structure of our constitutional
 12 democracy.”” *Id.* at *7 (quoting *Washington*, 847 F.3d at 1161).

13 Likewise here, the Court should reject the government’s argument that section 1252(g) of the
 14 Immigration and Nationality Act (“INA”), which also only bars challenges to certain *individual*
 15 immigration determinations, precludes this Court from entertaining an Administrative Procedure Act
 16 (“APA”) challenge to a far-reaching immigration *policy* determination like the September 5, 2017
 17 memorandum rescinding the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (“DACA”) program (“the
 18 Rescission”). *See* MTD Opp. 8 (Dkt. No. 205).

19 **2. *Hawaii II* rejects the argument that immigration policies are unreviewable acts of agency discretion.**

20 The *Hawaii II* court rejected the government’s contention that APA review was precluded by 5
 21 U.S.C. § 701(a)(2) because the policy at issue was “committed to agency discretion by law.” The court
 22 observed that executive actions are presumptively reviewable except in the ““very narrow””
 23 circumstances in which ““there is no law to apply.”” *Hawaii II* at *8 (quoting *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470
 24 U.S. 821, 830 (1985)); *see* MTD Opp. 4. Finding that the INA supplied “law to apply,” the *Hawaii II*
 25 court overruled the government’s section 701(a)(2) defense.

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 28 ¹ The Ninth Circuit addressed an earlier iteration of the travel ban in *Hawaii v. Trump*, 859 F.3d 741 (9th
 Cir. 2017), *vacated*, *Trump v. Hawaii*, 138 S. Ct. 377 (2017) (“*Hawaii I*”) (*see infra*).

1 *Hawaii II* is thus another example in which courts have refused to shield programmatic decisions
 2 like the Rescission from judicial review under the APA on the basis that there is no law to apply. *See*
 3 *Nat'l Treasury Emps. Union v. Horner*, 854 F.2d 490, 496-97 (D.C. Cir. 1988) (“major policy decision”
 4 subject to “APA presumption of reviewability” and is not committed to agency discretion because it is
 5 “quite different from day-to-day agency nonenforcement decisions”); *Edison Elec. Inst. v. EPA*, 996
 6 F.2d 326, 333 (D.C. Cir. 1993) (reviewing EPA’s “Enforcement Policy Statement”); *see* MTD Opp. 8.

7 Here, the Constitution, the INA, the history of deferred action, the original DACA memorandum,
 8 and other legal sources such as the Office of Legal Counsel’s opinion discussing DACA all provide law
 9 against which the Rescission can be judged. *See Mendez-Gutierrez v. Ashcroft*, 340 F.3d 865, 868 (9th
 10 Cir. 2003) (overruling section 701(a)(2) defense where “statutes, regulations, established agency
 11 policies, or judicial decisions [] provide a meaningful standard against which to assess” agency action).
 12 Judicial review is especially appropriate where, as here, an agency is reversing course from a prior
 13 policy. *See Robbins v. Reagan*, 780 F.2d 37, 45 (D.C. Cir. 1985) (“Once an agency has declared that a
 14 given course is the most effective way of implementing the statutory scheme, the courts are entitled to
 15 closely examine agency action that departs from this stated policy.”). In such cases, courts have a
 16 “meaningful role to play in reviewing agency action” whether or not there are “specific statutory
 17 guidelines controlling the exercise of discretion.” *Id.* at 46.

18 **3. *Hawaii II* confirms the entity plaintiffs’ standing.**

19 *Hawaii II* further supports the entity plaintiffs’ Article III standing here. The Ninth Circuit
 20 affirmed the district court’s ruling that a state’s interest in recruiting and hiring students and faculty for
 21 its public universities confers Article III standing to challenge a federal action impacting those
 22 individuals. *Hawaii II* at *5 n.5. The entity plaintiffs here share the same interest in the lawful presence
 23 in this country of their students, faculty, and employees. MTD Opp. 12–17.

24 The *Hawaii II* court also held that the asserted state claims challenging the travel ban satisfied
 25 the APA’s “zone of interests” test. *Hawaii II* at *9 (citing *Bank of Am. Corp. v. City of Miami*, 137 S.
 26 Ct. 1296, 1303 (2017)). In particular, the court confirmed that the INA protects the states’ and their
 27 public universities’ “efforts to enroll students and hire faculty members” affected by federal immigration
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1 policy. *Id.*; *see* MTD Opp. 18–19.²

2 **4. *Hawaii II* supports plaintiffs’ arguments for injunctive relief.**

3 *Hawaii II* held that the district court did not abuse its discretion in granting a preliminary
4 injunction, ruling that plaintiffs prevailed on the irreparable harm, balance of equities, and public
5 interest factors. *Hawaii II* at *22–24. Although the Ninth Circuit stayed its decision pending potential
6 Supreme Court review, *id.* at *25, its analysis demonstrates that here, the preliminary injunction factors
7 weigh even more heavily in favor of provisional relief.³

8 a. Irreparable harm. The Ninth Circuit recognized a number of irreparable harms caused by
9 the travel ban: “prolonged separation from family members, constraints to recruiting and retaining
10 students and faculty members to foster diversity and quality within the University community,” and
11 prohibitions on student travel. *Id.* at *22. All of those harms are present here. *See* App. 2206, Topic
12 11⁴ (due to Rescission, families will be separated and nearly 200,000 U.S. citizen children’s parents face
13 deportation); App. 2207–08, Topic 14 (harm to public colleges and universities’ ability to recruit and
14 retain students and faculty members, diminishing institutions’ diversity); App. 2210, Topic 23 (DACA
15 recipients precluded from traveling abroad). As the *Hawaii II* court held, these harms cannot be fully
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17 ² The court further recognized that the INA’s zone of interests also encompasses an association’s
18 interests in the potential loss of members, as well as the harm that its individual members will suffer as a
19 result of federal immigration policy. *Id.*; *see* MTD Opp. 17–18 (discussing SEIU 521’s standing).

20 ³ In *Hawaii I*, the Supreme Court denied the government’s application for a stay of the preliminary
21 injunction except as to foreign nationals who lacked “a credible claim of bona fide relationship with a
22 person or entity in the United States.” *Trump v. IRAP*, 137 S. Ct. 2080, 2088 (2017). In *Hawaii II*,
23 however, before the case was argued in the Ninth Circuit, the Supreme Court granted, without opinion, a
24 complete stay of the district court’s preliminary injunction. *Trump v. Hawaii*, No. 17A550, 2017 WL
25 5987406 (Dec. 4, 2017). The principal difference between the travel bans at issue in *Hawaii I* and
26 *Hawaii II* is that the latter purports to be supported by a worldwide review of other countries’ screening,
27 vetting and information-sharing practices—conducted by the Secretary of Homeland Security, in
28 consultation with the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence—and a detailed report
from those officials to the President on the inability of the targeted countries to provide adequate
information about their nationals to assure that they would not present a threat to the national security if
permitted to enter the United States. *See Hawaii II* at *3–5. The Rescission of DACA, of course, is not
supported by any such detailed rationale, let alone a rationale based on national security concerns.
When this distinguishing characteristic of the travel ban in *Hawaii II* is set aside, the Ninth’s Circuit’s
analysis of provisional relief in *Hawaii II*, even though stayed, supports granting provisional relief here.

⁴ The Topical Index to the Appendix can be found at docket number 124-2.

1 redressed by money damages and are therefore irreparable. *Hawaii II* at *22.

2 b. Balance of the equities. In addition, the *Hawaii II* court held that the concrete harms set
3 forth by plaintiffs outweighed both the government’s “general” national security concerns and its claims
4 of diminution of the executive’s authority. *Id.* at *22 and n.26. Here, there is no suggestion of a
5 national security concern, so the equities swing even further against the government.

6 Finally, when assessing any harm to the government from maintaining the status quo, the *Hawaii*
7 *II* court found it significant that the government had been able to successfully screen and vet foreign
8 nationals under current law for years. *Id.* at *23. Similarly, the government’s grant of an estimated
9 200,000 DACA renewals even after Inauguration Day, App. 2094, undermines its assertion of harm
10 from an injunction preserving the status quo.

11 c. Public interest. *Hawaii II* concluded that “an injunction is in the public interest,” relying
12 on the allegations of amici (including three of the state plaintiffs here) of injuries such as psychological
13 harm and distress, disruption of medical care, long-term economic and reputational damage to states,
14 and limits on the ability of technological companies to hire to full capacity. *Hawaii II* at *23. Plaintiffs
15 and amici in this case have shown these same harms and more.⁵

16 **5. *Hawaii II* supports plaintiffs’ request for a nationwide injunction.**

17 The *Hawaii II* court held that “[b]ecause this case implicates immigration policy, a nationwide
18 injunction was necessary to give Plaintiffs a full expression of their rights.” *Id.* at *24 (citing *Bresgal v.*
19 *Brock*, 843 F.2d 1163, 1170–71 (9th Cir. 1987)). As the Ninth Circuit explained, the need for
20 nationwide relief in immigration matters stems from the constitutional requirement for uniform
21 immigration laws, as well as Congress’s instruction that the nation’s immigration laws must be enforced
22 “vigorously and *uniformly*.” *Id.* (emphasis in original). Here, as in *Hawaii II*, a nationwide injunction is
23 both appropriate and necessary to preserve plaintiffs’ rights during the pendency of this action.

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25 ⁵ See App. 2207, Topic 13 (impact on emotional and physical health); Br. of K–12 School Dists. and
26 Educ. Ass’ns (Dkt. No. 112-1) at 4–6 (trauma, anxiety, and uncertainty in DACA recipients, impacting,
27 *inter alia*, students’ ability to learn); App. 2208–10, Topics 17, 18, 22 (harms to economy and
28 employers); Br. of 108 Companies (Dkt. No. 137-3) at 8–10 (Rescission forces employers to terminate
DACA employees and reduces ability of companies to attract individuals from abroad, leading to losses
to economy); App. 2208, Topic 15 (harms to public health).

1 **6. DACA, unlike the travel ban, is lawful and consistent with the INA.**

2 The *Hawaii II* court held that the travel ban, which categorically barred immigration from eight
3 countries, “effectively abrogate[d]” the “extensive and complex” statutory provisions regulating the
4 admissibility of suspected terrorists and criminals, and for enforcing information-sharing requirements.
5 *Hawaii II* at *12–13, 16. The travel ban was also inconsistent with historical executive practice. *Id.* at
6 *14–15 (the travel ban “sweeps broader than any past entry suspension and . . . is unprecedented in its
7 scope, purpose, and breadth”).

8 DACA stands on a completely different footing. As the Ninth Circuit has held, the “INA
9 expressly provides for deferred action as a form of relief that can be granted at the Executive’s
10 discretion.” *Ariz. Dream Act Coal. v. Brewer*, 855 F.3d 957, 967 (9th Cir. 2017); *see also Crane v.*
11 *Johnson*, 783 F.3d 244, 248 (5th Cir. 2015). Unlike categorical bans on immigration from particular
12 countries, which were virtually unknown prior to the travel ban, *Hawaii II* at *14, and had never received
13 “congressional acquiescence,” *id.* at *21, deferred action programs such as DACA have been recognized
14 and frequently ratified by Congress. *See* PI Br. 4–6 (Dkt. No. 111). Moreover, the policies relating to the
15 visa holders at issue in *Hawaii II* are set out in an “extensive and complex” statutory scheme, *Hawaii II* at
16 *16. In contrast, the ability of the category of immigrants at issue in DACA—those who were brought to the
17 country illegally as children—to obtain legal status is not addressed by the INA.

18 Finally, the separation of powers issues discussed by the *Hawaii II* court do not undermine
19 DACA’s validity, which—as defendants themselves have repeatedly recognized, *see* PI Opp. 1–3 (Dkt.
20 No. 204); MTD 1, 5–6 (Dkt. No. 114)—was an exercise of the executive’s long-recognized
21 prosecutorial discretion authority. *See* PI Mot. 4–6, 23–24 (citing, *inter alia*, *Reno v. Am.-Arab Anti-*
22 *Discrimination Comm.*, 525 U.S. 471, 490 (1999); *Arizona v. United States*, 567 U.S. 387, 396 (2012)).
23 As such, DACA is a far cry from the administration’s actions in enacting the travel ban, which the
24 *Hawaii II* court held amounted to “effectively rewriting the immigration laws.” *Hawaii II* at *16.

25 **CONCLUSION**

26 *Hawaii II* provides further support for plaintiffs’ arguments that this Court should deny
27 defendants’ motion to dismiss and grant plaintiffs’ motion for provisional relief to prevent additional
28 harm from accruing while this matter is adjudicated.

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